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6:40 p.m.

No Travel Advisory extended to south central North Dakota

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol have extended the **No Travel Advisory** to include areas in south central North Dakota due to near zero visibility with blowing and drifting snow. Cities included in the No Travel Advisory are: Bismarck, Underwood, Glen Ullin, Selfridge, Steele, and surrounding areas. Motorists in these areas should **not travel** as blowing and drifting snow is creating hazardous driving conditions.

Motorists should be aware the following advisories are still in effect:

· A **No Travel Advisory** is in effect for portions of north central North Dakota and eastern North Dakota. Cities included in the No Travel Advisory are: Stanley, Minot, Devils Lake, Grand Forks, Fargo, Valley City, Jamestown and surrounding areas.

Motorists should slow down and drive according to conditions as there are still many areas in the state with severe snow drifts blocking roads and areas of low visibility. Poor visibility continues to affect highways in North Dakota. Be prepared to adjust your driving with changing road conditions.

The three categories are as follows:

1. **TRAVEL ALERT** – Motorists can still travel but may encounter areas of challenging winter weather driving conditions on roadways. Motorists should allow extra time to reach their destination and be alert to conditions that may make travel difficult, change rapidly, or cause travel delays. A TRAVEL ALERT has the potential to change to a NO TRAVEL ADVISED if conditions deteriorate.
2. **NO TRAVEL ADVISED** – Motorists should not travel due to hazardous conditions which may make it unsafe to travel. Snowplows may be pulled from the roads during severe conditions. Motorists should take NO TRAVEL ADVISED seriously as those motorists who choose to travel at their own risk may become stranded and emergency responders may not be able to reach them safely. A NO TRAVEL ADVISED has the potential to change to a ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED if conditions deteriorate.
3. **ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED** – Motorists are not allowed to travel on a closed road due to life threatening conditions. The road may be impassible or blocked. Motorists who drive past a road closure device may be fined up to \$250.
Please be advised that road condition information on 511 and the travel map is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CDT. The road report is based upon the information available to the NDDOT at the time of preparation and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported.